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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR

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### ARABIA.

#### **MASKAT—Ports of Maskat and Muttra free from Cholera.**

The American consul reported December 20 to the Department of State that the ports of Maskat and Muttra were officially declared free from cholera December 20.

### CHINA.

#### **AMOY—Plague in Vicinity.**

Acting Asst. Surg. Bonthius reports December 21: Plague in the bubonic and pneumonic forms continues actively present in the interior.

#### **MANCHURIA—Status of Plague.**

Minister Rockhill at St. Petersburg, Russia, reported January 12 to the Department of State:

A bulletin issued December 30, 1910, by the plague commission shows 491 cases of plague with 488 deaths among Chinese in the radius allotted to the Chinese Eastern Railroad from the beginning of the outbreak to December 23, 1910.

Consul Greene at Harbin reports December 31:

Plague appears to have been entirely eradicated at Manchuria station and the other localities along the western division of the Chinese Eastern Railroad, in which it has been present. The epidemic has, however, assumed alarming proportions among the Chinese in Fuchiatien and in the business section of Harbin known as the Pristan. The statistical record of the epidemic is still incomplete, chiefly because doubtful cases have not been followed up from day to day to determine if they should be reported as plague. According to the most reliable information available, the number of deaths from plague which has occurred at Fuchiatien and Harbin from the appearance of the disease on November 8 and 9, respectively, to November 28, is as follows: Fuchiatien, deaths 78, including 32 corpses found in streets and houses; Harbin, deaths 182; total, 260.

About two-thirds of these deaths occurred during the past two weeks. It is stated on Chinese medical authority that there have lately been about 20 deaths daily at Fuchiatien. On December 28 there were reported 28 deaths at Fuchiatien.

In Harbin, including corpses found on the street, there have averaged lately about 10 deaths daily, but on December 28 I was informed by a Russian officer that 32 bodies of plague victims had been sent that day for burial in the special cemetery set apart for the purpose. Up to December 29 the number of cases and deaths